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A statement submitted by World Jewellery Confederation, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

The membership of CIBJO, gathered from March 12-15, 2007, in Cape Town, South Africa, have approved the present declaration, which:

Confirms the role of CIBJO as a non-governmental organization with special consultative status at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which is to strengthen all the instruments required to assure the international community that diamonds and other jewellery products are peace assets;

Welcomes the successful interaction, substantive discourse and beneficial partnership between its members in order to deliver a responsible and sustainable global jewellery industry;

Recalls the UN General Assembly resolution A/res/55/2, "the United Nations Millennium Declaration" launching the eight agreed Millennium Development Goals;

Recognises the leading role of the Kimberley Process, a cross-sectorial cooperative partnership in action, providing an effective framework for ensuring high social standards and consumer confidence in the industry;

Considers "CIBJO's Code of Ethics" as an authoritative milestone for ethic and social corporate responsibility in the industry;

Emphasises the importance of the Global Compact, which required signatories to respect UN principles on human rights, labour practices, environmental protection and anti-corruption;

And declares:

1. CIBJO's commitment to the 2007 ECOSOC high segment theme aiming at "*strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger through a global partnership for development,*" considering it as a blueprint for the industry.

2. The role of the jewellery industry in promoting social corporate responsibilities, by seeking to develop programs for productive employment, a decent work environment and sustainable development.

3. CIBJO's agreement to support and advise its members about its endeavours to deliver a sustainable industry in accordance with the United Nations agenda.

4. Its recognition of the importance of the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol as part as of the commitment to collaborate the promotion of sustainable development.

5. Its readiness to encourage its members to monitor the progress of their projects aiming at delivering a sustainable industry, and to report their experience and outcomes during the next and future CIBJO Congresses.

6. Its recognition that the jewellery industry, as a member of the international business community, shares a responsibility toward the greater society in seeking practical solutions towards the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, as well as to developing a global partnership for development.